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DESTINY MAGAZINE is the official publication of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America, set up to explain the true function of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples in the plan of God as modern Israel, with special reference as to their history, true identity, and responsibility as revealed by the Bible and in the light of modern archaeological and ethnological research.

We of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America are plain Americans who have seen God's hand in our history and for the most part we are churchmen who see God's Word in the Scriptures.

Names more often mislabel than describe the things to which they are affixed, and the name of this Federation is no exception. Anglo-Saxon is a noble name when it is clearly understood; it is also a very inclusive name. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man.

We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth.

We believe that in the Bible we have plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, the moral order of society and for the economic process based on justice and equity. In the Law we find the moral and economic order by which God intended to make obsolete the pagan order under which we live. In the History we see our forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity and correction. In the Prophets we have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and *foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action*. In the Gospel we have our Lord offering to set up again the Kingdom of God in its economic and moral and spiritual elements. In the Apostles and the Church we have all this held as a precious possibility at any time we are ready for it, but at present under the phase of interior religion without the larger social manifestation — in brief, but one hemisphere of the given Truth. So that we

may be said to stand for *the whole Law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ*.

OUR responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that we, as a people — *the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples*, as our Federation puts it — are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant and upon whom He laid His Law, "Which if a man do, he shall live."

That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people was called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, and dispersed on their mission, they are as really existing and working now as they were in Bible times. In ignorance of their identity, they have been blindly fulfilling part of God's purpose, but the foretold time is come when they shall know who they are and what they came here to do. Our movement is but one sign of that awakening.

We know the divine *destiny* that Israel was commissioned to fulfill. We know that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We can trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles and then on to America. By what the Prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, and by the way-marks they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

WE still live in Bible times in the truest sense. The United States and Canada are peopled with branches of Israel, the Covenant People. And being who they are, and being where they are, their responsibility as human channels through which the purpose of God is to flow to the nations is very great. This Federation is a recognition of that responsibility.

So that we stand for the Bible, for Christian truth in all its parts, and for the place of the American people in the plan of God.

Israel was not chosen for its special work by reason of any superiority to

other people; their promised greatness, which has now been fulfilled, was not given for their own aggrandizement but as necessary equipment for the world work they were to do. Everywhere the notes of Israel are civil and religious liberty. The Bohemians who stood for Huss, the Italians who saved Italy from Communism, the liberty-loving and God-fearing men of Holland and Belgium, the Brittany men of France, the Saxons of Germany, the Scandinavians and Britons and North Americans all belong to the Israel stream of destiny. Even in Russia are pockets of Israel — for, through Russia and Poland in days before Christ, dispersed Israel was slowly filing across Europe to "the appointed place." So that they are, as was foretold, a multitude in the earth, and their recognition of their identity and responsibility holds mighty possibilities for the future.

THIS American nation is a Covenant Commonwealth, included in the unalterable, unconditional covenant which God made with Israel. But on its own behalf, also, our American nation in its national documents made its own covenant with God which it is dishonoring today. We are trying to recall our people to a sense of their present position.

This, in large and general terms, defines our position. We number amongst our members and adherents clergymen of every denomination and members of all the churches. We are anti-nothing but pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We have no doctrinal tests and seek to avoid controversies arising from differing doctrinal views. For the most part our membership holds the generally accepted elements of Christian truth. Taken as a whole the doctrines held within the Federation by its members would comprise the totality of present Christian belief. This we seek to complete with the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today, as in Bible times—the same people with the same work—but now nearing a time of great change in the world for the fuller entry of the Rule of God amongst men.

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Who Will Be Victorious?

THREE more neutral countries have fallen victims to aggression since the publication of our editorial, *Successful Blunderings*, in the May 1940 DESTINY. We repeat what we said then, "Hitler is only one of three dictators with whom the Allies must reckon in this conflict."

We wrote in the April 1939 DESTINY regarding Mussolini, in the light of Daniel's forecast, "What are the tidings from the East that will hasten his plans? . . . Will it be events in Yugoslavia? . . . The tidings from the North that will force him to act are more easily understood. The present successful coup of Hitler (referring to his invasion of Czechoslovakia) will have a profound effect upon Mussolini's future action."

The above fact, true over a year ago, has become a thousand times more so today in the light of Hitler's further advances. Daniel has outlined the part Mussolini is to have in the present conflict as he moves to participate. It is certain to even a casual observer that Hitler's successes are having a tremendous effect upon Mussolini's policies. All this was foreseen by Daniel. We are watching events in the East which will precipitate the sudden move described by Daniel, bringing Mussolini into the conflict. The following statement appeared in the daily paper, "Italy stands watchful, her role a continued mystery." To the prophetic student there is no mystery as to what Italy is going to do. Her campaign is clearly set forth by the prophets with Egypt as one of her objectives.

Let us not forget that Stalin also is tremendously impressed with the tactics adopted by Hitler. Continued successes for the German armed forces may influence him to make the long predicted drive toward the south and into Palestine as described by Ezekiel. That campaign was covered in an article by Thos. W. Plant on the Russian Chapters of Ezekiel in the January 1939 DESTINY.

Hitler is furnishing leadership to both Mussolini and Stalin in that his activities and conquests are demonstrating to them how it can be done and the way it can be done. They are profiting by that example and leadership. All three are of one mind in so far as Great Britain is concerned—the *annihilation of the Empire*.

If it is possible to subdue or render France impotent and compel Great Britain to withdraw her forces from the continent there would then come the supreme endeavor on the part of the dictators to forever destroy the British Empire. Even though this extreme situation did not take place, both France and Great Britain can be so hard pressed in the west that it will seem to both Mussolini and Stalin as their opportunity to strike at vulnerable colonial possessions.

Whatever condition may bring this about Italy will move in the Mediterranean and Russia toward the south. As stated in the April 1940 DESTINY, "We face victorious moves by dictators as they secure initial successes." Thus the immediate future is ominous, with increasing difficulties facing the Allies. The prophets show that while the dictators will not gain ultimate victory, neither do they picture the Allied armies as defeating the dictators. There is to be *no victory by force of arms in this conflict*.

When, as predicted, the Assyrian (Germany) comes into the land, the "He" of the Mediterranean, who has Libya and Ethiopia in possession, over-runs Egypt moving north into Palestine as Gog of the Land of Magog, chief prince of Meshech (or Moscow) moves down from the north, Anglo-Saxon-Celtic Israel will face a desperate situation. But when these conditions are extant with the enemies of Israel occupying the strategic positions as described, all the prophets declare it will be the time when

a great spiritual awakening will bring deliverance. It will not be by the force of arms. Israel will be facing a hopeless situation with her defenses crumbling in the west, with Egypt over-run by the enemy and that enemy advancing into Palestine. Turkey will be lost as an ally as hordes sweep victoriously down from the north towards the central lands. The Israel armies will be caught in a gigantic pincer movement with apparent annihilation facing them as they make a desperate stand against overwhelming odds. With a full realization of the seriousness of the situation that will confront them all Israel will awaken spiritually, knowing that only by miraculous intervention can they be delivered from inevitable defeat.

The prophets describe that spiritual awakening as affecting every man, woman and child in the Israel commonwealth. It will not be just an ordinary call for a specific day set aside for prayer, but a spontaneous cessation of work everywhere, as with one accord all seek the Lord from the least even unto the greatest. The agony and distress among His people will be in evidence as all turn from their evil doings, their business and their pleasures, demanding that all places of amusement be closed. The whole land will mourn and in truth and in spirit the people will turn to the Lord with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. This is the prophetic picture of the coming great day of spiritual awakening. Nothing less than such a complete national repentance can bring deliverance.

We have had, and will continue to have, days set aside for prayer. But they will be of little avail until a sincerely contrite people return to their God, removing from their midst the evil that controls them and all that offends Him before they seek His favor. We ask for deliverance from trouble but countenance open Sabbaths, questionable shows, filthy literature, making such the best sellers, and a hundred and one other violations of righteousness as we license and collect revenue from

many evil practices and activities, continuing them even during the day set aside for prayer. As we have repeatedly said in previous issues of *DESTINY* and repeat again now, such a condition *will prevent answer to any prayers for national deliverance*. The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people must rise as one people, determined to deal effectively with all these evils and severely punish those individuals who might be inclined to refuse to conform with the requirements of righteousness, now causing Israel to sin.

The prophets show that the result of a truly spiritual awakening will be the intervention of God in behalf of His people. We are told that God will go forth and fight as He fought in the day of battle. The accompanying earthquake and storm will bring overwhelming disaster upon the enemies of His people. But before that can be, His people must repent and remove all evil from their midst.

Ezekiel describes a seven months period during which the dead will be buried, followed by a seven year period when "And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth" and institute the greatest disarmament program the world has ever known. Then follows the statement that during that same seven year period they will despoil all those who have been responsible for evil and suffering as they restore the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord and destroy the Babylonian system of economics which has been the cause of so much destitution, strife and war.

The old order is passing away. There will be no victors, but as a result of the desperate straits in which Israel finds herself (and this includes the United States as well as our brethren across the sea) there will come, *under pressure*, a whole-hearted turning unto God. The battle is the Lord's and He only will be victorious in that day as dictators awaken to a full and complete realization of the existence of the One against whom they fight.

False Hopes

THE situation facing the Anglo-Saxon Celtic peoples today is as desperate as that faced by our ancestors in 740-721 B.C., when the Assyrians came into the land. Those who

declare that because we are the House of Israel it gives immunity from disaster are guilty of giving false hope. Immunity from trouble does not rest upon the knowledge of our identity.

History amply verifies this. Israel of old certainly knew her identity, recognizing that she was Israel, yet in spite of that knowledge the nation was carried away into Assyrian captivity. There is a national responsibility that no generation of Israel can escape. Neither can we in our generation expect the promised protection for His people while we fail in this respect. Our forefathers took a vow, "All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." When we declare our identity we are also declaring our sin in that we are not keeping this vow.

Ezekiel sets forth the national scope of the message we should give, "Speak unto the House of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how shall we then live?" The prophet here does not recognize any immunity for Israel while she is sinning. He goes on, "Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel." (Ez. 33:10-11.)

Being Israel is no comfort to us in that fact alone, if we continue as a sinful nation. Today we are not obeying the voice of the Lord, nor are we walking according to His laws. As a nation we are in a state of rebellion against those laws, having departed from their precepts and refusing to keep His judgments. We have excluded the Bible from our schools and colleges and have substituted a destructive criticism that discounts the authority of the Word of God. Within our land the volume of cursing and swearing that ascends from the lips of our people is greater than the volume of the prayers of all His people. Churches that were organized to propagate the gospel have their pulpits occupied by men who disbelieve the Word, question the Divinity of Jesus, belittle the message of the prophets and refuse to heed God's warning as meant for His people today. How can we expect blessing under such conditions or immunity from coming disaster when

we, His people, refuse to keep the oath our forefathers took when they pledged the nation and the generations that would follow to obey His law?

We are coming under the yoke for through compulsion we must be cleansed of evil and iniquity and remove all filthiness and idolatry from our midst. As a nation we face increasing pressure, for God has stated that He will cause us to walk in His statutes and keep His judgments and do them. While we may not like it the pressure will be effective. During its duration, and until we awaken to spiritual values, we will not be immune from trouble bordering on national disaster. Such is the price we must pay because of our stubbornness, for with the stripes of men God will yet compel a turning to Him and His ways and the keeping of our oath to obey all His laws.

Shepherds Without Understanding

THE scene depicting Nero playing a fiddle as Rome burned is often referred to as a paramount example of the indifference of a leader when trouble and suffering afflict the people. The world today is experiencing the greatest conflagration of the ages as we witness destructive war and ruthless disregard of life and the neutrality of non-combatants. Aerial bombardments on a scale which eclipse anything before dreamed possible are now in process. Since September 3, 1939, there has been a renewal of warfare foreseen by close students of prophecy who for years have warned that the present order was rapidly coming to a close. The very activities now transpiring were given in preview by the prophets as were the order of events preceding the present holocaust.

One need only read the back numbers of *DESTINY* to recognize how accurately this knowledge has been known to those who have been willing to diligently read and study the prophetic utterances. These facts so clearly stated, and of such vital importance to men, have been completely ignored by the Church, her leaders and the majority of the members. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. The ecclesiastical leaders who ought to have warned our people

that an age is closing have acted the part of Nero playing a tune not in accord with the seriousness of the days in which we live. They fiddle as the conflagration spreads and are unable to intelligently comprehend the meaning of all that is now transpiring, or what it portends as to the immediate future.

For the spiritual leaders to plead ignorance is no excuse. They have assumed to be the instructors and custodians of the Scripture. Thus, as they hold themselves out to be the qualified teachers of its message, they become doubly guilty for failure to know and teach all the truth. Already we are hearing the rumbling of discontent from disillusioned men and women, members of organized Christian Churches, as their leaders remain silent regarding the significance of present world-shaking events. Again and again the question is put to us, after we have pointed out the plan and the prophetic forecast of what we now experience and may expect to occur in the near future, "These things being true why haven't our Church leaders and the ministers told us so that we might know? Why haven't our national leaders recognized such to be true?"

We are writing this in no spirit of criticism, but as a warning to political and religious leaders that there is a day of reckoning near at hand if politicians continue in their present course and church leaders remain silent regarding truth. Modernism and unbelief permeate organized religion. The Bible is disbelieved and the return of Christ is completely ignored and discredited by the great majority. The very essence of the teaching of the Gospel is the return of Jesus Christ. Today the long predicted events heralding that return are now happening on time and in accord with the pre-determined schedule so clearly recorded by all the prophets. A man, though a fool, if he would but read the record could not err in these identifications.

Church leaders cannot honestly say they have no way of knowing for their ecclesiastical organizations have fought the work we have been doing and the truths we have proclaimed which they know are in accordance with the utterances of the prophets. Unbelief has been their excuse for failure to accept. Our files contain

thousands of letters showing the efforts made by as many men and women throughout our country in the many denominations of which they are members to arouse interest in these vital teachings of scripture. Enthusiastically they have approached the leaders of religious teaching in their community. Finally disillusioned, they write in the following strain, "The one man I thought would be most interested doesn't want to know anything about it—my minister," and again, "God help us if we must wait until the clergy become ready to accept the truth before we shall know it." Now the very civilization which has made possible the continuation of their office and given them freedom to express their unbelief is rapidly disintegrating. It can be saved only by arousing Israel, in the light of her identity, to her God given responsibility, and this they refuse to do.

The prophet Isaiah gives a very clear description of those occupying the positions of leadership over Israel and who are failing in their duty. "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand." (Isaiah 56:10-11.) The lack of perception, the ignorance as to the significance of current happenings, the failure to understand the prophets or to recognize Israel and warn the people, the love of ease and of the praise of men as they conform strictly to party lines or denominational standards, could not be stated more succinctly than is expressed in these few words as Isaiah condemns such blind leadership.

When the story is finally told, in all its fullness, of the inefficiency in government, the political graft and the results of power politics which have left our nation completely unprepared to meet aggression from within and without, then will come full recognition that Isaiah's forecast of the situation is not stated too strongly.

A proclamation against the spiritual leaders of Israel is issued by God through Ezekiel. He declares that the ecclesiastical leaders are failing to feed His flock or strengthen them in these critical times. They are

charged with scattering and driving His people away. Furthermore He accuses them of treading down the good pastures and fouling the drinking waters. Also they are shown as feeding themselves and not feeding the flock (Ezekiel 34).

Here we have a perfect picture of the so-called scholastic attainments of our Doctors of Divinity and of the devastating effect of their destructive criticism upon the authority of the Bible. They are pictured as, in a large measure, responsible for preventing the people drinking from the pure waters of the fountain of life.

The results, so the prophet shows, are that the House of Israel is scattered and has become a prey to all sorts of evil and to their enemies. Then follows the denunciation of these false leaders and the promise of swift judgment because they have refused to teach the truth to the House of Israel. Deliverance is shown as coming when shepherds are raised up to proclaim the truth, the acceptance of which will be followed by blessings poured out upon the people as they acknowledge God and accept their responsibilities.

One of the unexplainable quirks of the ecclesiastical mind has been the frequency with which clergymen have rejected or returned literature, often unopened, sent them without cost at the request of some friend or member of their congregation. Afterwards they have boldly denounced that which they have not investigated and of which they know nothing.

Yet with all this there are hundreds of fine exceptions for there are both political leaders and many clergymen who have the courage of their convictions. But such men often have to pay the price in prestige and position in order to be true to their convictions and keep their oath of fidelity. Soon, very soon now, they are to see the results of their faithfulness. The day is at hand when those who have refused to know and proclaim the truth will be asked to give an accounting of their stewardship to earthly organizations for failure to warn the people or prepare them for these perilous times. Later they must face the heavenly hosts. What will their excuse then be for having failed to keep faith with His people or proclaim the Kingdom message? The suffering and trouble ahead and the

shock to an unprepared people and nation in the breaking of events for which they are totally unready could have been mitigated, in a large measure, had the Kingdom message and prophetic word, in all its significance, been proclaimed from every political platform and pulpit in our land.

Famine

IT seems almost impossible that famine can again afflict the entire world. In fact it is hard to visualize actual want and starvation involving all in a world where modern civilization has solved so many problems with which men in the earlier ages had to contend. Then, too, have we not found it necessary to kill live stock, plow under crops, restrict planting acreage in order to increase prices and reduce a so-called surplus? No thought has been given to the possibility that all such apparent surplus might be sorely needed in the near future to combat a coming famine. What fools we mortals are!

When we have suggested that such a famine is possible, incredulous smiles have crossed the faces of those with whom we have discussed such a world affliction. Now in *The American Mercury* in an article "Europe Faces Famine" the seriousness of such a world disaster is clearly portrayed as not only a possibility but also a probability in the near future.

The constructive ability of man to produce on the farm and in the field has been drafted for purposes of destruction. Esdras saw our day when plenty would be followed by severe famine. He said, "Behold, victuals shall be so good cheap upon earth, that they shall think themselves to be in good case, and even then shall evil grow upon earth, sword, famine, and great confusion."

The sword is now active while the famine is considered inevitable by those who have surveyed the situation. Referring to the granaries of Europe the writer of the above article says, "I found the entire region in a state of helpless confusion."

Esdras continues, "Many of them that dwell upon the earth shall perish of famine." Those who escape the hunger, he tells us, the sword will destroy. With total war now raging in the bombing of civilians and the destruction of cities, Esdras aptly describes the situation. "For

the earth shall be wasted, and the cities shall be cast down."

It has been brought out in a survey of the agricultural situation in Europe that with millions under arms the fields are neglected and the spring plowing and planting are not being done. Esdras states, "There shall be no man left to till the earth, and to sow it." Looking forward to the harvest time he says, "The trees shall give fruit, and who shall gather them? The grapes shall ripen, and who shall tread them? for all places shall be desolate of men."

Modern warfare requires that every able-bodied man be in the service. Esdras has visualized all this and has given us advanced information regarding the fearful destruction of life and property, with famine following in the wake of that destruction (II Esdras 16:19-34).

Men have failed to learn that war destroys both conqueror and conquered for the three specters—hunger, famine and pestilence—triumphantly ride behind the armed forces of all nations as they seek to annihilate each other. The process is hastened today by the use of scientific knowledge in the devising of fearful weapons of destruction that can kill on a scale never before dreamed possible. And we call this an enlightened civilization!

Lost Opportunities

WE have often desired to know of the countless numbers who became interested in the truth through contact with John, Peter, James and Paul as well as with the rest of the disciples as they toiled and labored to spread the gospel message. The sincerity of these men could not be questioned and the earnestness of their appeal and untiring efforts must have attracted countless numbers among whom there were no doubt many in a position to have rendered real service to the cause. Yet the record shows that there were very few influential, wealthy or prominent men of that day numbered as leaders among the early church pioneers.

In spite of hardship, poverty and privation and in the face of almost insurmountable opposition these early Christians overcame difficulties that evidently restrained many from

supporting their cause through fear of consequence.

There is a day coming when all these things will be fully reviewed. Just what will be the thoughts of those who let pass the splendid opportunities for service? Esau sold his heritage for a mess of pottage and though later he desired to change his mind and wept bitterly over the situation yet he had passed up the day of opportunity.

Shakespeare said:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men

Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

Omitted, all the voyage of their life

Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

On such a full sea are we now afloat;

And we must take the current when it serves,

Or lose our ventures."

We are living today in the greatest era of human history. The climax of all the ages is now at hand. While on the battlefields of Europe millions are engaged in a life and death struggle there is also a deadly spiritual conflict in which we all have a part and in which we must take sides. This struggle is just as violent as the conflict across the seas though men fail to comprehend its full significance.

The casualties on the battlefields of Europe are being duplicated in this spiritual struggle. Because men can comprehend and understand the physical losses does not by any means indicate that the casualties are less severe in the realm of spiritual warfare. Over a period of many years the casualties have been numbered in the millions. We have seen thousands of such casualties in the present spiritual struggle, for the proclamation of the Kingdom message has intensified the conflict. Many have dropped out, unwilling to continue in the forefront, while some have lagged behind or taken up positions in the rear as the pressure of economics, the condition of business or the thrust of political reprisals have made continuing the struggle very hazardous for them. Others have succumbed to demonstrational pressure in the ecclesiastical opposition to truth, fearing man rather than God. But it has always been so in every

great spiritual upheaval. The disciples were faced with the same situation. Jesus indicated there would be such desertions when he said, "For many are called, but few chosen."

At the very most we now have only a short time in which to do our work. The armies of the nations are on the march, the forces of evil are gaining victory after victory because God's people are failing to recognize the full significance of the spiritual battle now being fought.

The casualties have been great. We need men and more men to support the Kingdom work and to help us carry on for much must yet be done, and done quickly, if Israel is to be aroused from a state of spiritual apathy and saved from physical annihilation. Organized Christianity has failed to meet the issues of the present crisis. Only in the full knowledge of the Kingdom and of its message can our national needs be completely understood and met today.

Prophecy

PROPHECY is not given for the purpose of enabling us to know and predict coming events. Rather it is given that our faith may be strengthened and established. The neglect of this important phase of Bible teaching has destroyed the faith of both the leaders and members of our churches. Because of this we find that many do not accept the Bible as the Word of God today, nor do they believe its entire message.

We challenge anyone to honestly study prophecy and its related historical fulfillment and continue in such unbelief. When men come to a full realization that the prophets of old were inspired in their detailing of past and present world activities, declaring the end from the beginning, it will become evident to all that the Bible is truly what it purports to be—The Word of God.

When this is fully realized and accepted by men the entire message of the Bible will become a living vital epistle, not only to each and every individual in his personal relationship to God, but also to the nation in all of its acts of administration. Think what it would mean to have the *national* message of the Bible accepted as a fundamental basis of government by every political party!

The key to such an acceptance is

furnished in an understanding of prophecy. The fulfillment of prophecy in history and current world activities demonstrates the complete authenticity of the Word and establishes it as an authority.

A fundamental truth which was prophetically declared and reiterated again and again by all the prophets is the promise of national continuity and blessings to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The Jew does not, either in his history or activity, fulfill any of these promises of greatness. This is known to the church leaders because they have tried to remedy that failure by promising a future fulfillment by the Jews of these blessings when in fact the Scriptures definitely declare the time of fulfillment as now. Such mishandling of the Scripture has caused all sorts of confusion and ultimately leads to an entire neglect of its study because it generates innumerable inconsistencies.

When the subject of the identity of Israel is fully examined without prejudice, and the people now in possession of these blessings truly recognized, the awakening to a full realization of the absolute truth of God's Word, in all its detail, will stimulate faith and bring a spiritual awakening such as has never before been known or experienced by men. The acknowledgment and acceptance of this truth will do more to establish the Bible and bring men to Christ as the Son of God than would be accomplished by ten thousand ordinary revivals.

Jesus gave a sign saying, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Had the fact of the identity of Israel been known in 1917 A.D., General Allenby's capture of Jerusalem would have electrified the Christian world and opened up to Christian people everywhere the knowledge of the fulfillment of the great time periods of prophecy. The proclamation of that knowledge would have swept away all unbelief and filled our churches.

The very generation unto whom it was predicted that these signs would appear is blind, deaf and dumb to all that is occurring, wherein had they but known they would have watched the awakening in Palestine with understanding. After centuries a king coming to the throne in Egypt in accordance with Isaiah's prophecy

would have meant more than just another incident of history. The renewal of activities in and around the Mediterranean, in accordance with Daniel's predictions, would have kept them alert and watchful. The rise of dictators would have proclaimed to them that the time for the close of the age was now at hand. While the arming of Gog and Magog as Russia prepares for the coming Great Day would have set them to studying the detail of the plan as outlined by the prophet Ezekiel. The increase in earthquake disturbances would bear witness of the soon coming great seismic upheaval timed, according to both Ezekiel and Zechariah, to occur when the armies of the nations begin to move into Palestine. The financial stress among all nations would have aroused interest in the time table of prophecy indicating that judgment is now coming upon our entire economic structure in accordance with Revelation 18. The renewal of the conflict in September 1939 would not have taken them unaware but would have brought a keen realization that this generation was face to face with the great climax of the ages when the controversy of Zion is to be settled in the soon triumphant return of Jesus Christ as predicted by all the prophets and by Jesus himself. To all this could be added the evidence furnished by time periods in years and days, terminating during the life time of this generation and definitely dating our days as the very end of the time of the end.

Prophecy, the very back-bone of faith, has been woefully neglected and the Church, its leaders and members are unaware of the day of their visitation. This present generation is as blind to realities as was the generation two thousand years ago when the long predicted First Advent occurred and the Messiah walked and talked with them.

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The Kingdom of God on Earth is being Established!

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THE object of this article is to suggest to the mind of the businessman, who is also a Bible student, that God is even now in the current world history establishing the economic and governmental foundation for the kingdom of God on earth. For this period he is divinely directing the British Commonwealth and the United States of America as His servant nations along lines told by the prophets under the identity of the two sons of Joseph with the British Commonwealth in the position of Joseph's son, Ephraim, and the U. S. A. as Joseph's son, Manasseh.

Furthermore, by careful study of these promises in connection with current facts we can understand not only the plan but the time element involved in the plan.

The method is outlined in Daniel where the four kingdoms to dominate the world for a period of seven times, or 2,520 years, are named in advance. The fifth kingdom or Stone Kingdom established during the activity of the four is to be placed into world dominance of both government and commerce, not by conquest for greed and power as is the case of the first four. The fifth kingdom will be placed in this position because they defend the name of God and His righteousness. The last form of the first four, now represented as the three evil spirits of Revelation or the three heads of the eagle (the beast) of Second Esdras of the Apocrypha, are currently known to us as the three dictator nations of Europe. This power is thrusting itself against the only power which stands in its way of world dominance through absorption of the smaller unprotected neutrals. The result of their present thrust will be as Daniel tells in 2:44 that this fifth Stone Kingdom shall "break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."

OUR first great time-indicator is the end of Gentile rule over Palestine which we saw fulfilled in 1917. This also marks the time for the unfolding of revelation of the "mystery" of the Kingdom of God. After we get the general time setting of the period of years, further study unfolds more specific timing and more detail of what nations and when and how it shall be accomplished.

The 30th chapter of Jeremiah identifies a general period of world upheaval to begin with Britain's entrance into the World War, which we now know was August 4, 1914, the results of which caused the return of the land to Israel for her possession and the removal of Israel's "yoke" of servitude and identifies this time with the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" of 22 years, of which we have detailed information in the Genesis account in the life of Jacob. This yoke is an economic system which harnesses the nation to slavery and, for a fuller understanding, would require a separate article on the subject or a definite study covering the Bible's dealing with this yoke question. It is the old economic order and legal system of Babylon. It was to be Israel's punishment for her correction during the period of her seven times.

This "Time of Jacob's Trouble" is not to be thought of as the most horrible experience in history, but of an experience different in kind and character from any earlier experiences, the result of which would reunite the family of Israel and re-establish them under the government and economy of *Joseph*. It is definitely an "economic" experience that terminates the trouble. This Jeremiah experience covers a time period in the history of the nations which constitute the "seed" and world history is to parallel the experience of Jacob's family of old.

The story begins with Joseph being sold into Egyptian slavery at the age of 17, corresponding with our national history in the later time of August 4, 1914. When Joseph was 30 years old, 13 years later, corresponding with August 4, 1927, the story says he stood before Pharaoh and told him of the beginning of seven years of surplus crops, which, in our national program brings us to August 4, 1934, to be followed by seven years of dearth, which covers the period to August 4, 1941. At the end of two years of the last seven (to August 4, 1936) plus a short time for the trip to Egypt and return to Goshen, the Israel family was reunited (in part) and food for them was not a problem for the remaining five years of dearth, though it was so severe for the rest of the world as to cause them to *come to Joseph for food*. At this date, corresponding to September 26, 1936, Britain (Ephraim) and the U. S. A. (Manasseh), the national Joseph of today was reunited in and under the Tri-Partite Agreement.

Remember, the result of this situation was to change the *laws and economy* of the known world and Genesis 47:26—"Joseph made it a law over the land."

ON the opposite page is a graph taken from the *Chicago Journal of Commerce* of June 1, 1939, prepared from U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce data on world prices and stocks for the years 1923 through 1938.

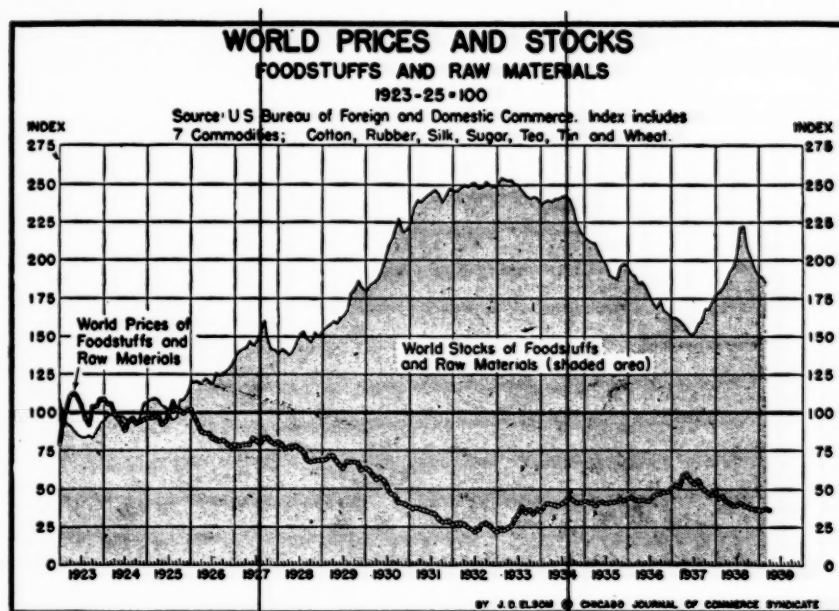
This graph is submitted to show that world crops are not regulated by alphabetical organizations but in spite of them and that the effect thereof is to destroy the old system and force the government to make changes to provide therefor. Well do we know now the policy followed by this government of purchasing the surplus crops, followed by their fran-

tic effort to distribute these surpluses during recent years. Practically all surplus crops today are in possession of the "Israel" nations. In the Spring of 1934 it was the policy of our government to *pay farmers to destroy* cotton, pigs, cattle, etc. For the first time, in the Fall of 1934, they adopted a policy of *paying the farmer to plant* winter cover crops, etc.

When such surplus crops form the exact timing pattern of the Bible coupled with mass production which destroys our old economic order under the gold standard, *what is your reaction, Mr. Businessman?* Do you see wreck and ruin without hope or do you see a well worn yoke of servitude being removed from your collar position in the divine wisdom and plan of God? Maybe you are such a partisan politician that you only see what it is doing to your party, or do you see merely "one man" playing havoc with all the precedents of both parties. I warn you—it is necessary to "Stand back from the tree if you would see the forest." My concern is not of politics but my study reveals much of politics both past and future. Think it over!

I repeat 1 Chronicles 5:1 — "His birthright was given unto the sons (note the plural) of Joseph." In family affairs of Israel the oldest boy, or birthright boy, was given charge of the family property during the absence of the father. Before the World War we saw Britain (Ephraim) having taken the position of the world's banker. The World War changed the world position of the U. S. (Manasseh) from a debtor nation to a creditor nation because of her mass production and enormous harvests. If these "sons of Joseph" are to manage the family property of all the nations, they must first destroy the yoke of the Old Order and adopt the economy of the kingdom. After this, they must introduce this "New Order of the Ages" to the world and make it dominate all commerce. The solution for world peace lies in world commerce!

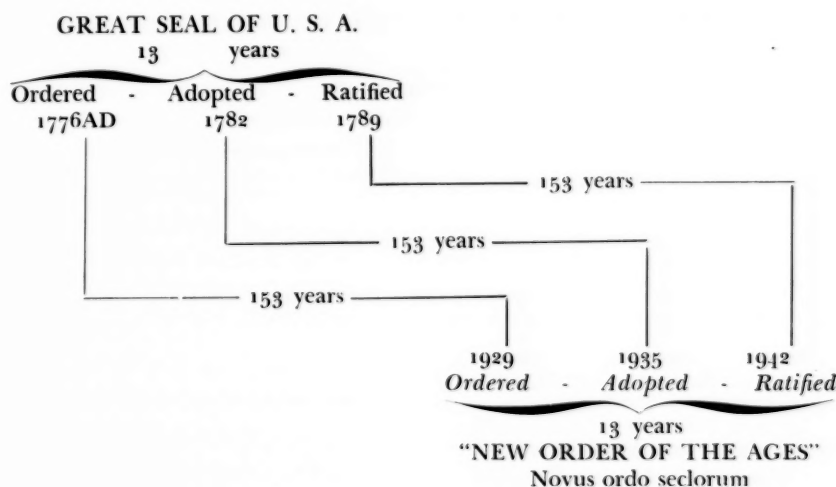
BRITAIN grew great through her commerce throughout the Commonwealth while the U. S. grew great because her state lines were no barriers to trade. The U. S., it seems, is to be used by God as the balance of power. As in the World War, so in world economy. That the above is



her destiny is revealed by her seal. This seal is now familiar to us on her one dollar bill. We give below a timetable of the adoption of this seal of the 13th tribe over 13 years of her history. Since she was elected for this service, her preparation for the task follows the pattern of the number of the elect, or 153. In the first 13-year series she established the seal. 153 years later we find her establishing the "New Order of the Ages," revealed by the seal. The chart and remarks given below were written August 23, 1935, upon receipt of the first new one-dollar paper silver certificate.

onomic crash in Great Seal Nation, the result of which crash is to force this Nation to a new monetary and economic order—The "New Order of the Ages."

1935—Pressure as above forces U. S. A. off "Babylon" Gold Standard and complete re-arrangement of Banking Laws. Profit from change of Gold Standard used to retire "Bank Note Currency" issued on Government interest bearing bonds and the "adoption" of a new one dollar paper silver certificate bearing the "Great Seal



1929—Ordered—By the highest authority who controls the destinies of the nations by the ec-

of U. S. A." as promising the "New Order of the Ages."
1942—(?) "New Order of the Ages"

as pioneered by U. S. A. . . . (Manasseh the 13th tribe) fully ratified by U. S. A. and made permanent in her National monetary system with probable concurrence, ratification or stabilization of her currency with other Israel Nations. . . . (?)

13 years—(Transition period in each case) thus identifying the work of the Great Seal Nation in her "inheritance" to bless the Nations of the world by introducing to them as the witness and instrument of God the "New Order of the Ages."

Since forty years was the schooling period God required of Israel for citizenship in the promised land and since he tells us of the future judgment of Israel in Ezekiel 20:36—"Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you," I believe we began such economic preparation in the formation of the Federal Reserve System in 1913, which preparation shall be completed in 1953. By this time the force of necessity, no doubt, will cause our government to completely own, control and operate this national banking system. So shall it replace Wall Street bank management under the gold standard which formerly fixed the value of the American dollar under the Old Order and substitute therefore the Washington Federal Reserve management under the Federal Reserve System which shall fix the value of the American dollar under the New Order of the Ages. Our change from gold standard to the Federal Reserve standard is in process, but yet incomplete.

Not only will this new monetary system form the foundation which will support in the future the increased production of farm and factory, with its proportional increase of employment but it should do two other important things. First, it should change the very form and foundation of our government as we have known it in the Republican and Democratic Parties which followed the Civil War and bring us into a new and better form of family management. Second, it will form the foundation of world leadership in union with the other Israel nations

banded together in the British Commonwealth of nations at the successful completion of this war which shall follow the plan so clearly outlined by the prophets. The basis for this world trade will, no doubt, follow trade agreements patterned after the trade policies of the states of the U. S. and bring both a world prosperity and a world peace on a world pattern similar to, but even much better than, that of our U. S. since the days of her civil strife.

As B. J. Nicklin has so clearly shown in his book, *Divine Time Measures*, written in 1933, we not only have a time chart in *years*, but a time chart in *days* as well. Opposite is submitted our conception of this time-table as it is now operating, the center or fulcrum of which is September 16-26, 1936. Businessmen will recognize it at once as the 10-day period of the world economic crises of the Tri-Partite Agreement. Bible students will recognize it as the end of the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" in the history of the "seed" nations. Students of God's witness, the pyramid of Gizeh, will recognize it as the entrance to the hall of judgment of the nations.

Observations as of May 23rd, 1940

SINCE writing the above article, on March 22, 1940, and originally intended for the May issue, the following observation of events which occurred during the 10-day period from March 29, 1940, to April 8, 1940, throws additional light on the future trend.

On April 19, 1940, the *Daily Telegraph* of London, England, contains a report from a special correspondent at Stockholm, the opening paragraph of which reads as follows:

"The first move in the Nazi plot to seize control of all Norwegian seaports was made on March 24th, a full 15 days before the Germans struck their blows from Oslo harbour all the way north to Narvik. This information commands particular attention because I obtained it from sources which were exceptionally close to those in charge of the disembarkation of the first German troops to reach Oslo. According to my informants, on

March 24th all German merchant vessels and trawlers which customarily plied within the three-mile limit along the Norwegian coast received secret orders of the greatest importance. Their captains were commanded to take on as many German soldiers and as large supplies of rifles, machine-guns and munitions as could well be concealed below decks. This, it is confidently stated, was the real beginning of the German expeditionary force, although German cruisers, destroyers and troopships only began to leave German ports during the night of April 4th. War forces hidden in scores, possibly hundreds of small German cargo ships had already been under way from a week to 11 days, and most of them were already far up the Norwegian coast."

A news flash under date of April 11, 1940, carried the following:

"London—Churchill told the House today that German invasion of Denmark and Norway was result of long and elaborate preparations by Nazis. These plans, he said, were set in motion last week in March. He said invasion was a 'crime.'"

It is now quite clear that this planned invasion of Norway fitted exactly the 10-day period, March 29, 1940, to April 8, 1940, including the mid-date of April 4, 1940. This Nazi invasion of Norway so stunned the nations of the world that all thought of balancing budgets was forced into the background. Preparedness for further trouble became the paramount issue in every nation of the world. The Labor Party of England expresses it in the phrase—"To Hell with the budget, let's win the War." Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer in London, expressed it in a speech in the news quotation of May 8—"The sky is the limit for British war expenditures."

Immediately upon the heels of this invasion we have seen the Nazis follow through with their invasion of Holland and Belgium which began May 11, 1940, and their blitzkrieg against the Allies, supported by constant Italian threats.

On May 22 came news that the

government of the British Empire had taken the necessary legal steps to conscript labor, capital or property for any purpose necessary for the common good of the Empire. Mr. Kaltenborn, the news commentator, referred to it using the phrase—"Manufacturing for use instead of for profit." Can we be so blind as to think that after the world contest is settled, we shall return to our former status?

Thus, we see very clearly now, in-

ternational inflation is off to a boom start with all thought or consideration of the old international economy order discarded to the past. The cry of return to a gold standard and to the Old Order on the part of the few is but the counterpart of the cry of the Children of Israel against Moses when they were being brought out of the economic bondage of Egypt as expressed in Exodus 16:2&3:

"And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured

against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:

"And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

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Significant Sign of the Times

FROM time to time it is stated in *DESTINY Magazine* that one of the most startling facts in connection with our modern civilization is the appalling ignorance with regard to the basic principles of the Bible manifest in the case of the large majority of people who profess and call themselves Christians. Not only are they absolutely ignorant of the fact that the Bible is indeed a National Book containing the Nation's History—past, present and future—but a tremendously large proportion are absolutely ignorant concerning what are regarded as the basic principles of the Christian Faith, and the fundamental facts upon which the Christian Religion is established.

Probably nothing has contributed more to the loss of faith so remarkable at the present time as this complete lack of knowledge regarding what is after all the most essential factor in the administration of our Social Order, and there is no doubt but that it is absolutely true that the present chaotic conditions in Christendom are directly traceable to the lack of understanding of the fact that there is a Divine Plan and Purpose in Human History which is stated clearly in the Bible.

In this connection we cannot but remember the statement made by the Apostle, who declares that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," and the natural deduction from this is, of course, that unless the word of God is heard there can be no faith.

Probably some of you will imme-

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diately say that this cannot apply to the present day. That is, of course, the natural conclusion to which one would come as a result of living within a Christian environment, and having within oneself the Christian tradition; the fact nevertheless remains that there is today a definite lack of hearing of the Word of God (that is, in its full message) and this truth is being forcibly brought home in many remarkable ways at the present time!

As an illustration I want to refer now to an article which recently appeared in *The National Message*, from which I take the following statement:

"In a village 'somewhere in England' a country parson is scandalized to discover that, of a class of 31 evacuee children of an average age of twelve, 19 of them did not know the religious significance of Christmas Day, and that practically all of them knew nothing of the Bible and had never been taught to pray.

"This appears to be one example typical of many, and the belated discovery of one of the black spots of English life has created a first-class furore in the correspondence columns of the Press. Commenting upon this discovery a leading article in *The Times* of February 17th, after commending the religious instruction given in many schools, says:

"Yet this does not alter the grim fact that in a country professedly Christian, and a country which at the moment is staking its all in defence of Christian principles, there is a sys-

tem of national education which allows citizens of the future to have a purely heathen upbringing."

"Thus *The Times* lays the responsibility of this 'grim fact' at the door of the educational system. Pursuing this line, it points out that the common argument that the State is responsible for education, but that 'religious instruction' must be considered as 'altogether the affair of the Churches,' is not only worthless but mischievous.

"It is mischievous, because it encourages the fallacy that essential education can be completed by secular instruction alone, and that the teaching of religion is merely a kind of optional supplement. The truth, of course, is that religion must form the very basis of any education worth the name, and that education with religion omitted is not really education at all."

"This is a bold statement and, moreover, it is profoundly true. Yet it raises many important questions, some of which were reflected in the vast correspondence which followed this article. Of this correspondence *The Times* of March 9th says:

"Over details opinions are bound to differ. But it is a matter not of opinion but of fact that masses of our younger people today are unacquainted with even the primary truths of religion. It is a matter of fact that religion has no place at all in the schemes of many new universities and university colleges. It is a matter of fact that the proportion of scholars in the rate-aided secondary schools who take religion as

one of their subjects was but 32 per cent. in 1917 and had dwindled to 17 per cent. by 1939."

NOW remember that the statements thus quoted come from one of the leading and most responsible newspapers in England. Indeed, it is not too much to say that its pronouncements are looked upon as being among the most important in the world of news.

That the conditions thus stated as applicable to England are not confined to that country is evidenced by the fact that a similar condition of affairs has been observed in the United States of America and referred to in an article in a recent issue of the *Readers' Digest*, from which we take the following quotation: "We have, therefore, the peculiar spectacle of a nation which, to some imperfect but nevertheless considerable extent, practices Christianity without actively believing in Christianity. It practices Christianity because the teachings of the Church have been absorbed in its culture; but it fails to believe because it is no longer actively taught."

A further fact thus becomes evident, namely that nowadays we are living upon the results of the active faith of our fathers in past generations, and at the same time are not engaging in any real measure in any active belief in our own day and generation.

The Times, which we have already quoted, puts it this way: "For many years we have been living on spiritual capital, on traditions inherited from the past, instead of providing for the future." This condition of affairs is but another significant sign of the times, clearly outlined in the Bible, both in the Old and New Testament. Let me quote the statements in this regard which I have in mind.

First we read this: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," (Hosea 4, 6) and again: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst (Amos 8, 11-13).

And in turn these conditions which are now being fulfilled have led on to an experience described by Saint Paul when he says: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4, 3-4).

IN the face of these facts which, though very unpleasant, are incontrovertible, it is absolutely essential that in the midst of the present crisis people should be awakened to the reality of the meaning of things as they are, and to an understanding necessary that the Bible should once again become the Book of the people, and that the people should become the people of the Book. No solution whatever can be found for the very difficult problems existing in our social and economic system apart from the Book, and no understanding as to the full meaning and final end of the crisis in which we are involved can be obtained from any other source.

What, therefore, is needed is that there should go out immediately a national call to repentance, and consideration. The Gospel of the Kingdom, which is the Message of the Book, must be proclaimed in its entirety, and people must be taught to understand that the coming world order, which must invariably function as the Theocratic State, will only so function as its basic principles become operative first in the hearts and minds of men, and they thus become willing to see it in operation.

The Anglo-Saxon and Celtic people, who are the Israel of today, are the agents of the Lord God of Israel who have been prepared for this crisis of the ages to inaugurate in its fullness the Kingdom of God as the one Universal Kingdom in the earth. It is, therefore, the bounden duty of every one of us to endeavor to realize the tremendous responsibility placed upon us as a Race, and we must remember the paramount duty to recognize that God has inalienable rights in the World of men and things. These rights have largely been ignored by our generation. As was said by the late Dr. Pascoe Goard: "God has been excluded from an active voice and share in the govern-

ment of His own Kingdom. Parliament has assumed the rights of Almighty God to make and abrogate laws at will. The City representing all the financial interests of the Kingdom leaves God out in matters of financial Administration".

IF these things are true even in part, then a drastic change of attitude is absolutely necessary; and for this change it is essential that we must get back into personal touch both individually and nationally with God, Who is the Source of Spiritual Energy, for it is still true that "our strength lies in the Name of God". We must return to the Economic Laws of the Bible. Our well-being and prosperity depend upon the blessing of God, and God has covenanted to bless us in every phase of human effort, on condition that we will obey His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments. God will never fail to keep His Covenant, providing we fulfil our part, for the gifts and callings of God are without repentance, and the covenant made with our Nation and Company of Nations, and with all Israel, is more fixed and of greater importance than the Magna Carta or the Bill of Rights.

It is the widespread ignorance regarding these tremendous truths found in the Gospel of the Kingdom, which is the Message of the Bible, that is so evident today, and it is these truths which must be brought home to the knowledge of all Christian people if they are to understand and estimate aright the position in which Christendom now finds itself. Suggestion after suggestion is being made by those who occupy positions of authority as to the type of World Order that will emerge when the present crisis has run to its end, but we desire humbly to point out something that all such are missing. God never intended man to do this, but retained for Himself the right to govern and rule mankind. There is a difference even between government by God-guided or God-controlled men, and rule of and by God Himself. God's Sovereignty in its entirety must be restored, and the Laws which He laid down obeyed.

As has been recently said: "The only hope of the world lies in Theocratic or Theocentric Government, Government by God. That alone is

the remedy for the failure of human rule of every form and in every age. It is toward this the world is moving with increasing momentum as the disintegration of the existing order becomes more and more apparent.

"To those who have the vision of Israel—God's inheritance—standing

over against the gathering forces of evil, and who know that where Israel is, there is God's dominion, there is no anxiety as to the future. While the old world systems and forms of government are in process of disintegration, and God is liquidating the affairs of a world that for so long

has excluded Him from its life, we already trace the evidence and note the signs of the emerging New World Order, and our hearts rejoice with a joy unspeakable. All is in readiness for the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ".

Prophecy of the British Navy?

LAST week I ran across a pamphlet printed in Birmingham, England, in 1913 and titled *The Destiny of the British Empire*, originally published in 1866. The interpretations it embodies are to be found, it says, in *Elpis Israel*, by John Thomas, M.D., published in 1848.

Chapter Five is headed, "The Destruction of the British Navy—The British fleet stationed in the Mediterranean shall be destroyed by tempest according to the declarations of the Prophets." I had read these prophecies many times and without much thought and concluded that the breaking of the ships of Tarshish with an East wind (Psa. 48:7) was probably symbolical of their being broken by a power East of Tarshish (Britain). Remembering that the Leader of fierce expression, with the Libyans and Ethiopians at his steps who invades Egypt, takes the Suez Canal, and conquers Palestine, has a hundred and twenty U Boats, a large navy, and a naval fleet of fifty fast Torpedo boats, I concluded that he might be the East wind spoken of.

This 1848 author has a view which would indicate otherwise! Discussing the matter with Rev. E. J. Springett he recalled that the coming earthquakes will shake the whole earth, will cause major subsidences, which with hail and tempest attachments may well raise tidal waves that may engulf the British Mediterranean Fleet as well as the other fleets in that sea. Not only do the British peoples but practically all nations, other than our enemies, rely upon *the material power of the British Navy* to save Europe and the world from being over-run by the Dictator powers, now crucifying European small nations.

I quote chapter five, which is as follows: "The British Lion is a proud

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and lofty beast, and its dominion a high mountain. This is also the character of all the Kingdoms and Empires in the world. The scriptures say: "Everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord." Proud persons, proud nations, and proud governments are equally objects of His detestation. He has therefore declared the fate that awaits them in the day when he shall arise to shake terribly the earth, and He alone shall be exalted.

"The day of the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty and upon everyone that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low . . . and upon all the ships of Tarshish. . . . And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day". Isa. 2:11-17. This prophecy is clearly unfulfilled as yet, and it will be noticed that contemporarily with the sole exaltation of the Lord, "the day of Jehovah is upon all the ships of Tarshish."

This is explained in the 48th Psalm, which is prophetic of the time when Zion, the City of the Great King, shall be the joy of the whole earth. Before this came to pass, it foretells the assembling of the Kings against her—that is the Kings of the Gog's confederacy; and their flight with precipitation and terror, which seizes upon them as the pains of a parturient woman. It is then added as a contemporary event: "Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an East wind." (Psa. 48:7.) This implies that the ships broken and scattered are a fleet in the Mediterranean which would be exposed to a hurricane in the East. This will doubtless be the British Mediterranean fleet co-oper-

ating with the land forces against the Russian armies in the Holy land.

The pride of Britain, and probably of America, in Maritime alliance with her against the common enemy of constitutional government and liberty, will be laid low by the wreck of the most magnificent fleet that ever floated upon the sea. Its destruction will cause the "Queen of the Sea" to abase herself, and to yield obedience to the Shepherd and Stone of Israel whom even the winds and sea obey.

Both the British and American people are proud of their navies and speaking generally, perhaps as materialists, we are looking forward more to being saved by our navies than we are looking to the God of Battles for our salvation in this great day of Almighty God. In the late war for four long weary and terrible years of bloody warfare we relied upon our material armaments and failed to win through, we landed in front of Amiens with our backs to the wall! The King of Israel in the Isles, followed by all our allies, then set aside a day of national prayer to the God of Battles beseeching His Help in our extremity, and we received it promptly and *never lost a battle afterwards!*

This is the need for to-day, because only Almighty God can save us in the oncoming days and destroy the Dictator and heathen armies. "I will yet be enquired of by the House of Israel to do it for them" is awaiting fulfillment by all Israel near and far.

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Part 5: The Power of Church and State

THE opening of the first four seals revealed history from the beginning of the Roman Empire to its downfall and on through to the rise of the Papacy. The fourth seal ushered in the Papacy and prepared the way for the events depicted in the fifth seal. This is borne out by the fact that John saw in the white and in the red, black and pale colored horses four distinct stages in the history of Imperial Rome. The type of rule and the kind of administration are represented in the different riders. The first three riders were emperors. The first had a bow in his hand, for his conquests extended beyond the frontiers of Rome. The second was given a sword, for he was to destroy within the confines of the Roman Empire. The third had a set of scales, or balances, in his hands, for he was to weigh and decide controversial issues. The fourth rider was diverse in every respect from the three previous riders and his name was called *Death*. Supporting and aiding him in his mission was an accompanying personage whom John designated as *Hell*.

With the opening of the fifth seal John saw no further change but rather a continuation of the pale horse with death enthroned occupying the place formerly held by emperors. In this revived Roman Empire the Church exercised all the authority and power of the Caesars and was supported by the doctrines of Pergatory in the subjection of people to its rule. The apostle now described the results that follow as death continued on his course, for he is destined to exercise authority and rule for well over a thousand years.

The Fifth Seal

536 A.D. to 1755-96 A.D.

AND when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they

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cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

"And white robes were given unto every one of them, and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Church Over State

Pope Agapetus, in a dispute with Justinian the Emperor of the East, won his point and the Emperor yielded to the Pope. The head of the Church had triumphed over the head of the government. This was in 536 A.D. A Church council assembled at Constantinople this same year and informed the government, as a servant of the Church, that an edict be issued ordering a decision of the council executed. This was done and thus Church and State become united. Persecutions followed, which the Church dictated and the state supported. One thousand two hundred and sixty years of cruel torture and destruction now followed, resulting in nearly a hundred million dying violent deaths.

War With the Saints

The Papal authority and power continued during the period of this fifth seal. The altar John saw is the place of sacrifice and the souls under that altar are the multitudes of Christians that suffer persecutions because of their belief in the Word of God and because they bear testimony to the truth. The cry for judgment was their longing for the time when "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Then would be fulfilled Daniel's prophecy, "And judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the

saints possessed the kingdom." (Dan. 7:22.)

Before the blessings of this restoration could come Daniel was shown that the "Little Horn" (the Papacy) would triumph for a time. He said, "I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them." (Dan. 7:21.) This System was to continue, according to Daniel, for one thousand two hundred and sixty years, after which judgments would come upon this persecuting power. Later on John gives this judgment in detail, but in this fifth seal we have the verification of these persecutions in the cry of the victims who suffer as they render sacrificial service unto the Lord.

The white robes given to them symbolize the righteousness of Christ and they are comforted with the knowledge that after a season the Kingdom would be manifested. Moreover, their brethren were to suffer in like manner as they suffered until the age closed when Death, who rode the pale horse, and the aggressive world leaders would come to judgment.

Souls Under the Altar

SOME use this description of the souls under the altar as evidence of the state of the dead and in so doing they are failing to recognize that Revelation is a book in which symbols are used to express facts. The souls referred to by John as killed and under the altar are symbolic of both the living and the dead who have suffered in the name of Jesus and for His testimony, and are still suffering as the result of persecution. They represent the whole company, or body, of the true Church waiting for the adoption. Many of them, though alive, are killed in the same sense as Paul said, "I die daily" (I Corinthians 15:31) in his reference to sacrificial service for the Lord.

The martyrs of all ages who have suffered and died for their righteous

testimony are included in this cry, as Abel's blood cried unto God from the ground that had received it.

Historical Facts

The period covered by this fifth seal is the one thousand two hundred and sixty years of the temporal power of the Papacy. It dates from 536 A.D., when the State became subject to the Church, and ends at the time of the French Revolution.

Gregory the Great, who was Pope from 590 A.D. to 601 A.D., was instrumental through his missionary activities in bringing England, France and Germany under the sway of the Roman Church. His successor, Sabinianus, introduced the celebration of the Eucharist. By 663 A.D. Pope Vitalian enjoined the exclusive use of the Latin tongue in the offices of Divine worship through Christendom. The word *Lateinos* in Greek numerals is 666, which is the number of a man. The assumed title of the Pope in Latin is *Vicarius Filii Dei*, that is, "Vicar of the Son of God" and in Latin numerals is also 666. From the birth of Christ in 4 B.C., to the above edict in 663 A.D., is 666 years. Ecclesiastical Rome thus stands identified according to the number of a man (Rev. 13:17-18). But Jesus Christ was born at the close of 6 times 666 years from the fall of Adam, in the year 3996 A.M. Thus when the number of man in years had run its course 6 times the Man came who is destined to destroy the man of sin "with the brightness of his coming" (II Thess. 2:8).

As this fifth seal neared its close Napoleon Bonaparte was born in the year 1769 A.D. Austria abolished Jesuitism in 1773 A.D., bringing to a close the long period of persecution. The spirit of revolution began to manifest itself in France by 1789 A.D. The French monarchy began to tremble. Famine appeared and a tempestuous summer was followed by a severe winter reducing the French nation to such a state that the nobles began to emigrate with even Louis XVI attempting flight.

France declared war against Austria on the 20th of April. The next year the King was executed. All laws recognizing God, the Church and priests were abolished and infidelity was enthroned, while the Goddess of Reason was worshipped. The last prop

supporting the temporal power of the Papacy was gone. In 1796 A.D., Napoleon took command of the armed forces operating against Italy and his wonderful successes gave him the credit of being a military genius.

With the Napoleonic era we entered a new period of world activity. This era is to climax, as far as the Roman world and European nations were concerned, in intensified judgments as depicted in the sixth seal.

The Sixth Seal

1755-96 A.D. to 194?

AND John said, "I beheld when he opened the sixth seal, and lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were removed out of their places."

The description of events that John saw in this sixth seal are not only symbolic, but set forth the literal as well. The opening of the first three seals depict emperors riding the horses, while the fourth seal shows a personage named Death in the saddle. The fifth seal describes the results of the ride of Death, but when the sixth seal is opened John saw the coming of judgment upon men because of their misrule and because of their evil aggression.

The list of physical disturbances as given by John is as follows:

- A great earthquake.
- The Sun darkened.
- The Moon in color as blood.
- Star showers.
- Disturbances in the heavens.
- Great seismic upheavals.

This is the order of fulfillment both in the literal and in the symbolic application of these signs.

The Earthquake

There was an actual earthquake timed to occur with the opening of this sixth seal. It was the earthquake of November 1, 1755 A.D. It has been referred to as a remarkable one for while its center was at Lisbon, in Portugal, the effect was felt throughout Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Turkey and Africa. The entire ter-

ritory of the ancient Roman Empire was shaken. It was felt in Scotland and affected the coast of America. It has been estimated that 4,000,000 square miles were disturbed and it is called by historians, "The great earthquake."

The Dark Day

On May 19, 1780 A.D., occurred the memorable dark day when the sun did not shine and the moon became the color of blood. The people were terrified and many thought the day of Judgment had come.

The Star Shower

A spectacular meteoric shower took place on November 12 and 13, 1833 A.D. The stars fell on this occasion like flakes of snow, to the number, as was estimated, of 240,000, in the space of nine hours, varying in size from a moving point or phosphorescent line to globes of the moon's diameter. It was observed that they all appeared to proceed from the same quarter of the heavens, from the vicinity of one of the stars in the constellation of Leo.

Heavenly Signs and Seismic Disturbances

Next in order John saw startling physical manifestations in the heavens, to be followed later by seismic upheavals that would bring to a close the violence and strife among men. This great world shaking earthquake is timed to take place during the final great conflict of the ages when God settles the controversy of Zion in that Great Day of His wrath.

John depicts the consternation of the nations and their leaders—"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

In dealing with the fourth chapter of Revelation it was shown that the Israel encampment was patterned after the heavenly. So also the physical upheavals and disturbances in the planned process of nature and

the universe, as described by John, have their counterpart in revolution and misrule upon earth and among men.

The opening of this sixth seal saw the godless French revolution administer the death knell of the supremacy of the Papacy over civil authority and rule. The one thousand two hundred and sixty years of civil authority, subject to ecclesiastical dictation, had come to a close.

Political Earthquake

THE French revolution is referred to as a great political earthquake. From the flames kindled in Europe, the whole world was involved in the conflagration. Judgment upon Papal Rome had come. Napoleon invaded Italy in 1796 A.D., defeating the Papal troops. On the 13th of February, 1798 A.D., a French army entered Rome and the Pope was ordered to dismiss his Swiss guards, and to dispossess himself of his temporal authority. Upon his refusal he was dragged from the altar of his Palace, his vaults were plundered and even the rings were torn from his finger and he was taken a prisoner to Tuscany. The darkening of the Sun on May 19, 1780 A.D., was one of those unexplainable phenomena of nature; and what that darkness was to the physical world, the results of the French Revolution were to the religious world. Atheistical France made war against Christianity and while primarily its force was directed against Roman Catholicism, yet it had an effect upon those of other faiths.

Spiritual Darkness

The sun symbolically represents the light of the gospel and the moon of atheism, irreligion and infidelity supporting truth. The enthronement brought complete darkness in this nation which had formerly supported the church. No trace of the gospel could be found as the metropolis of France listened to the oration of atheists whose utterances were enthusiastically applauded by the populace. The darkness was like that which covered ancient Egypt; for reason alone, void of wisdom and understanding, reigned supreme in France. We cannot but recognize that such was the legitimate fruit of the perversion of Scripture in the mixture

of paganism, mysticism and tradition in the teachings of organized ecclesiasticism. The old order was passing as the temporal power of the Papacy came to judgment and finally was abolished in 1870 A.D.

From the death of Pope Agapetus in 536 A.D., to 601 A.D., nine Popes had succeeded to the Head of the Church and were supported by the emperors in their order. Finally the power to exercise authority over Church and State was fully vested in Boniface III, the last of these nine, who was honored with the coveted title of Universal Bishop. The Popes were not only crowned under this title but finally that of Universal Monarch.

One thousand two hundred and sixty years from the first date (536 A.D.) Napoleon defeated the Papal troops in the year 1796 A.D. One thousand two hundred and sixty years from the second date (601 A.D.) Pope Pius IX was declared infallible by the Ecumenical Council on July 16, 1870 A.D. On September of this same year Italian troops entered Rome for the purpose of making that long coveted city the capitol of Italy, independent of Papal rule. The first of November the Italian government passed a degree abolishing the political authority of the Holy See. Truly the very stars in the ecclesiastical heavens had fallen. With the final close of this period the first Protestant Church was opened in Rome on January 12, 1871 A.D.

Political and Economic Heavens Depart

THE World War of 1914-18 A.D. closed the long times of the Gentiles which had their inception with the Reign of Nebuchadnezzar. The War began a period of intensified judgment upon men, their political, economic and ecclesiastical activities. The close of the World War saw the passing of continental empires, while parliamentary forms of government gave place to dictators. Ten dictators came to power in Europe between 1922 and 1938 A.D. With the renewal of war between major powers in 1939 A.D., the old order began to pass away. "And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together" symbolically represents the great political, economic and social upheavals that are to follow as a result of military and eco-

nomical changes. The moving of mountains and islands signifies the tremendous shaking of the kingdoms and nations of men in the process of disintegration as the old order passes away to make ready for the establishment of the new.

Heavenly Signs and Seismic Upheavals

Let us not forget that there is also the literal fulfillment of these signs which John so carefully recorded. We have seen that this seal actually opened with a great earthquake and that the physical signs followed in the heavens in the order as enumerated by the apostle. There is no reason, therefore, to doubt but what there will yet be awe-inspiring manifestations in the heavens in a literal fulfillment of "And the heaven departed as a scroll" as well as a coming great seismic upheaval which will literally move mountains and cause islands to disappear. Such an event, as definitely stated by Ezekiel, is to occur when Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech, or Moscow, comes against His people Israel.

The Impotency of Men

The Lateran Treaty of February 11, 1929, recognized the full and independent sovereignty of the Holy See in Vatican City. Thus the temporal power of the Papacy has been restored in measure. With this restoration and the rise of dictators the stage is being rapidly set for the final scenes that are to close the present age. Since the World War of 1914-18 A.D., preparation among all peoples for the coming climax of the ages has been going on at a rapid pace. The nations are gathering for the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty. At that time all will come to a full recognition of their impotency in the presence of Him who sits upon the Throne.

The sixth seal closes with all nations gathered for battle as both ecclesiastical and state leaders come to judgment for their persecution of God's people when they come face to face with the events of the Great Day of His wrath. The defeat that seems inevitable for God's Kingdom people is turned into victory as will be recognized in the description of the final scenes which usher in a new world order, as John records the events of the seventh and last seal.

The next installment of "A Study in Revelation" will appear in the July issue of DESTINY. It will deal with the Kingdom and its organization and final triumph as set forth in the events of the seventh and last seal. Copies containing the earlier installments may be procured by writing to DESTINY Magazine, Haverhill, Mass.

Two Views of Government

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THERE is a wide variation in opinion as to what "the Government," whatever its form may be, can legitimately do. Here are two views on this subject: one is authoritative, the other seems to be the more general public conception.

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have DOMINION over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and OVER ALL THE EARTH, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth . . . and God blessed them and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, and SUBDUE it; and HAVE DOMINION over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." (Gen. 1:26, 28.)

From this historical statement we see that God gave *dominion* over life in sea, air and earth to His "representative" man.

If we note carefully, we also see that there is no provision here for man's dominion or *domination* over his fellow man. God retains in Himself the domination of man. To the first one to usurp this prerogative of domination of man (in the extreme) God said, "The voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground. Therefore you are cursed from the ground." (Gen. IV:10.)

And as we study the growth of mankind in the early ages, we see that, while individually many men "walked with God," and that a civilization of a high character, in many respects, was attained, man in his social or collective life ever failed to establish any form of government without usurping to a varying degree that which God had reserved to Himself, namely the principle of *domination*.

We pass rapidly through the ages until, in the plan of God, He had borne the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob from Egypt "on eagles wings" and brought them unto Himself. Whereupon He reminded them, one and all, that "the whole world is mine." Domination of man

is reserved by God. With this principle in mind, through Moses He suggests to them a political organization, not based on the thought of domination, but on the basis of a voluntary submission of each individual unto his Creator as King for the purpose of *service*; service first to their Creator, God; second, to each other, individually and collectively; and we read "And ye shall be unto me a Kingdom of priests (servants) and a holy nation." . . . And all the people answered together and said "All that the Lord hath spoken, we will do." Here we have the voluntary voice of the people, individually and collectively, as one man, voluntarily forming a political association—a nation recognizing service to God, their King, and to each other as the foundation principle and purpose, and NOT domination of one individual over his neighbor and fellow citizens (Exodus XIX:4-8). There followed for forty years a period of political education of these people under the direct tutelage of an ever present God and King manifested "in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night." (Ex. XIII:21-22.) Israel progressed from a horde of slaves to a mighty nation under God their King, conquering and to conquer. Four centuries passed, the descendants of these people (the nation Israel) came to Samuel who had acted as judge and God's interpreter to them, and said "Make us a leader to organize us like all the nations." (1st Sam. VIII:5.) Under the direction of God their King, Samuel first instructed them of the difference between the constitution of a government based on service, and one based on domination which they were seeking but in their blindness they insisted on the change, and with the consent of Jehovah the King, a Vice-Gerent was appointed (1st Sam. VIII and 1st Chron. XXIX:23). Howbeit under this arrangement and while the people recognized allegiance to Jehovah,

they were successful to a wonderful degree.

Again centuries passed and the nation Israel once united was divided, each division because of departure from God their King, being taken captive—the Northern Nation by Assyria, the Southern Nation by Babylon, and scattered among the nations of the world. The Northern Nation like unto a vessel of clay "which was marred in the hand of the potter" while yet in the making and was "made again into another vessel" (Jer. XVIII:4); the Southern Nation like unto a glazed bottle which when once broken "cannot be made whole again" (Jer. XIX:11); yet under the plan of God this Southern Nation was allowed to return to Jerusalem, a remnant of its former self, and was still a dependent people subject to a foreign power.

Again the centuries passed and Jehovah the King of Israel was born a child in Bethlehem, thus manifesting His presence in human form. He taught the principles of His Kingdom—the only successful form of political organization of Society possible; based on personal acceptance, individually and collectively of service to God the King, and service to fellow citizens. During the greater portion of His ministry this was the great burden of His teaching, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Matt. IV:17.) He emphasized the fact that He did not come to abrogate the principles or the laws of the Kingdom as delivered to them through Moses at the inception of the Nation, but imparted to his hearers a new life and deeper meaning to these laws (Matt. V:17-18).

At one time when it was requested that two of His disciples should occupy principal places in His Kingdom, in discussing the character of His Kingdom, He said:

"Ye know that the Princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister; And

whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant, Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matt. XX:25-28.)

In instructing his disciples, "Be not ye called Rabbi, for One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren . . . neither be ye called Master, for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matt. XXIII:8-11.)

After His resurrection, He commissioned his disciples as His representatives, in the following language:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the age." (Matt. XXVIII:18-20.)

At this same time the disciples asked Him, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?"—to which He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or the

seasons which the Father hath put (retained) in his own power, but ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and to all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (The Acts I:6.8.) Long before He had instructed them, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." (Matt. XXIV:14.) The context clearly reveals that He was speaking of the end of the age when He would again come and as King re-establish the Kingdom Israel, and the rule of domination should end—in its place a government having service for its basis would be fully established.

The present importance of this subject is forcibly brought to our attention in a most practical manner by statements of two leaders. In January, 1940, Hitler's intentions were declared to be "Britain's destruction and World Domination" — while in contra-distinction to this the broadcast of His Majesty King George on September 3rd was a Trumpet Call with no uncertain note:

"We have been forced into a conflict. For we are called with our Allies to meet the challenge of a principle which, if it were to prevail, would be fatal to any civilized order in the world. It is the principle which permits a State, in the selfish pursuit of power, to disregard its treaties and its solemn pledges; which sanctions the use of force, or threat of force, against the sovereignty and independence of other states.

"Such a principle, stripped of all disguise, is surely the mere primitive doctrine that might is right, and if this principle were established throughout the world, the freedom of our own country and of the whole British Commonwealth of Nations would be in danger . . . We can only do the right as we see the right, and reverently commit our cause to God."

The issue between these two divergent opinions would appear to be nearing a test to a finish. If this is true, it throws a flood of light on the present war and reveals to those who are on the watch the near approach to that time when our "redemption draweth nigh."

The Vision of the Ephah

PART TWO

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The Commercial Development of the Last Days

WE must now return to Sturt's *Prophetic Notes*. His dip into the future would be considered a remarkable one today, but it is still more so when we realize that it was written in 1885. He remarks that Zech. 5:5-11 describes "The Commercial Development of the Last Days" and writes: "The angel directs the attention of the prophet to an Ephah, which is seen going forth.

"This, as a measure of goods, was the instrument of commerce. The angel then said, This is their resemblance through all the earth. The Ephah therefore represents the great commercial development of the world, when the nations will bend their energies to the production and distribution of its material resources.

Surely, this day (1885) is this Scripture being fulfilled before our eyes. But the completeness of it is not yet come." "Then the prophet was allowed to look into the Ephah, and saw a woman secretly concealed there. Something of a moral character is here represented, to which the great commercial growth will minister. The words of the angel, This is Wickedness, immediately declare what it is. An evil moral system will be most intimately associated with the world's commerce. But for a time it was to be hidden and repressed, and so 'the weight of lead was cast upon the mouth of the Ephah. Then two women were seen coming out with wings, and the wind in their wings. This indicates rapidity of movement and everything favorable to it. First

they lifted up between the earth and heaven, and then bore it away to build it a house in the land of Shinar. And it shall be established and set there upon her own base. So the chapter closes."

The Builder of Babylon

Mr. Sturt continues, "In Genesis 10:10, it is said of Nimrod, 'The beginning of his Kingdom was Babel, in the land of Shinar.' There on the plains of Shinar, under the evil genius of this mighty hunter, the foundations of Babylon were laid, which was to be the great center of evil. There the Ephah, with its concealed wickedness, is yet to have its home and be established and set upon its own base. The wickedness of the world will once more have its center there, before God rises up out of His Holy habitation to punish the world for its sins." . . . "The futurity of all

this is clear. For since the prophet wrote, there is nothing in the past to which it can be applied. The great commercial era of the world is only now (1885) rising to its fullness."

Babylon's Decline and Revival

Mr. Sturt continues, "Gradual decline, and not establishment and growth, has been the history of Babylon for so many years, since the prophecy was uttered; although it is now increasing in population and importance year by year.

"The tide of its downward course has turned, though the Ephah has not yet been established there. It is being developed among the western nations, previous to being carried to the land of Shinar. What will give it this great center in the East, no one can say; but in all probability it will be the opening of the Euphrates Valley as the highway of the world."

Written 55 years ago!

He continues, "How many eyes have already been turned to this very object! It has been explored by the British government to see what facilities it afforded for that purpose. I have before me a book written by Sir Wm. Andrews, called *The Euphrates Valley Railway*, and one of the reasons given is that it will bring India 1000 miles nearer England.

"The writer says that, at the Berlin Conference, Lord Beaconsfield told Bismark that he wanted Cyprus to protect the Mediterranean end of it—when it became 'The inevitable overland route to India'."

HERE we have an attempt to peer into the future, as so many of us are trying to do today; but this was 55 years ago and it would read strangely and daringly premature *then!* Let us mention a few of the amazing series of historical events of the past 55 years.

A Brief Historical Resume

The mention of Beaconsfield and Bismark takes us back into another age, with other aims and objects, of plots and counterplots. Then the wars in the Balkans, culminating in the Fall of the Caliphate in 1924, and the flight of the Sultan of Turkey.

Then came the Kaiser, with his "push to the East," to be furthered by his scheme for "The Berlin to Bagdad Railway," based on the concession he had obtained from the

Sultan before the above-mentioned flight.

The Kaiser's tour of the Middle East and his promises of patronage and protection of the Arabs followed, but the Great War dissolved these vainglorious plans.

Then the Great War, and the British conquest of Palestine, followed by the giving of the Mandate to Ten-Tribed British-Israel, "to lift up the land, and to apportion the wasted estates." (F.F.). Since then we have established a British Aerodrome at Habbaniya, just north-east of the site of Babylon, as a great mid-eastern calling center and air-port for our Air Force—military and civil—in the Land of Shinar! And yet the vision of the Ephah still awaits its fulfillment, but we have moved several stages nearer, and the chief actors are being marshalled into their positions.

Twenty Years Afterwards

In 1905 there appeared in a small monthly magazine an article by a Mr. A. Crosbie of Birmingham, on "The Bagdad Railway and Zechariah 5." He then naturally looked for a fairly rapid progress of the Kaiser's Railway scheme, to be completed "within a period of 8 years." So the concession stated, but, he adds, at the present rate of progress, however, an extension of the time limit will be required. This will easily be secured, for the Turk looks lightly upon dilatoriness and procrastination. Besides the Sultan will gladly grant the extension in the expectation—which will probably be plainly expressed—of future favors for the Kaiser."

But both the Kaiser and the Sultan have now no further interest in the Bagdad Railway, it has passed into other hands.

Some Eastern Schemes

"Although," he writes, "it has hitherto been true that 'westward the tide of empire takes its way,' there are not wanting signs that the tide is turning, and that once again the lands of the East will regain their old importance, commercial and therefore political.

"Germany proposes to recoup herself for the expenditure incurred by the possession of Babylon, 'the richest country in the past, and the most fertile area for present colonization.'

"The chief political consideration is that the Railway would interpose a barrier to Russia's southward movement toward the Persian Gulf.

"In this connection Disraeli's splendid scheme may be recalled. His policy with respect to Turkey was to bring Asia Minor under British control, to develop its natural resources, and to utilize its armies as a check on the possibility of a Russian advance on India.

"It was an ambitious policy . . . the central principle of the plan still remains as a guiding motive." (Disraeli died in 1881, 59 years ago).

"It will be observed that there are in Zechariah various short prophecies of the nature of visions, a careful examination of which locates their fulfillment at the end of the present dispensation.

"The one before us is one of these, and points to that great city of the future, *Babylon re-built*, the city of Commerce *par excellence*, combined with abounding wickedness, the latter being in the first instance concealed, like the woman inside the Ephah, but afterwards and in the end all pervading, as set forth in Rev. 17 and 18, where we find the climax of commerce and the climax of wickedness in the future city of Babylon.

"The Ephah and the talent—measures and weights—appear clearly to set forth commerce, as the woman herself sets forth the city of Babylon (Rev. 17:v. 18) abounding in wickedness."

Agreements

BOTH MR. STURT and Mr. Crosbie agree in their summary of the numerous prophecies about Babylon which await fulfillment. Those noted by Mr. Sturt are spread over both the Old and New Testaments, and regretfully I must pass them over as being far too long for quotation. Here is a short summary by Mr. Crosbie:

"All the great prophecies of the Old Testament relating to Babylon are manifestly yet future in their fulfillment; such as, the repeated predictions of the complete desolation of the city and the country, not yet fulfilled, there being a town (Hillah) said to contain at least 10,000 inhabitants, on the spot; built to a great extent out of the stones of the old

city, whereas it was prophesied, "They shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations." (Jer. 51:26.)

"Repeatedly we are told that Babylon's final destruction is to be sudden, like that of Sodom and Gomorrah (Isa. 13:19) and like 'a stone cast into the Euphrates' (Jer. 51:63&64), and 'in one day' (Isa. 47:9.) Whereas the ruin of ancient Babylon was caused by depopulation of a gradual character, extending over centuries.

"Again, 'the sea is to come up upon Babylon,' with 'the waves thereof' (Jer. 51:42) clearly future!"

But When?

A Suggestion!

Will this be when the Great Earthquake splits the Mount of Olives in twain? (Zech. 14:4&5.) Then, when Jerusalem becomes the central sea-port of the world, will the waters of the Mediterranean find one of their outlets in the Persian Gulf and the other in the Red Sea? The waves would then fulfill Jer. 51:42. "The sea is come up upon Babylon, she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof," and it would be sudden—in one day—and final!

For Readers in America

WRITING this article in England for readers living in America, I have thought it necessary to refer at some length to British and European history and diplomacy during the past hundred years; and also to quote various dates, and note the long intervals between the various stages of middle-eastern events.

The "Great People" of Manasseh in "the Westering Lands" are not likely to be experts in the age-long evolution of the Middle-East, therefore a *resume* of its history is necessary to appreciate the long unfolding of its frequently foretold re-peopling and re-awakening.

This *resume* makes one realize (this is the effect it has on my mind) that the controlling and over-ruling guidance of events by Jehovah is obviously in operation. Apparently insuperable obstacles are removed in a few years, the antagonistic interests and ambitions of the kings of the earth fade away and are scarcely even remembered (hence this *resume*). But—the way to the fulfillment of His foreknowledge of events,

detailed in inspired prophecy, is being opened up and made possible.

The Resume

The Sultan's position as the head of Islam would have prevented the opening up of the Middle-East. He fell from power, and took refuge on a British Man of War!

Germany thought that the domination of Asia Minor was almost in her grasp—it was to have been one of the prizes of her victory in the Great War—but it was not according to the "foreseeing plans" of God.

After reading a long article by Mr. T. A. O'Connor on the Bagdad Railway, which appeared in *The Fortnightly Review* of February, 1914, illustrated by two specially drawn maps of the proposed network of railways to be constructed by Germany in Asia Minor, and by Russia from the Caucasus, through Persia towards India, it becomes plain how the plans of man come to naught in a few years. And yet the statesmen of Great Britain and Europe were then waging a furious propaganda about their rival claims to construct and control the proposed Railways.

Before the Great War, Europe would have gone to war to prevent the British (British-Israel) having control of Palestine and its adjacent strategic lands. As a result of the Great War Europe asked Great Britain to take charge of Palestine, and thereby to become the controlling factor at the eastern end of the Mediterranean!

Study Geography with Prophecy

ONE must pay more attention to the geography of the prophecies, and rely less and less upon "symbolizing" their plain statements of future events in definitely stated localities.

The main lessons of these resumes is not to take too short views of present-day events. For instance, no war is the final one of Jacob's Trouble until the center of the conflict is in Palestine, and the Raid comes from Russia in the North, when all nations shall come up against Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 38 and 39).

Just as the first Great War of 1914-18 gave the British "The Mandate" and the control of the Middle-East, so this second Great War will result in placing Ephraim-Israel (the Brit-

ish) in still greater control and leadership of events in Bible Lands; bringing East and West into ever closer contact—that the Scriptures may be fulfilled!

These notes have brought the history of Babylon and Babylonia—the Land of Shinar—from Nimrod, 3500 years ago to 1914, when the Bagdad Railway project was temporarily held up, and a fresh page in the history of that district was turned.

What of the Future?

What will open up the Land of Shinar? Will it be sudden or gradual? Will merchant princes be induced to begin business suddenly? or will considerable preparations be necessary? Zechariah 5, verse 11, gives a definite hint of considerable preparation:

"To build it an house in the land of Shinar; and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base."

Building and establishing indicate some preparation for occupation. The British Military and Civil Aerodrome is already in that district; the nine-line from the oil wells nearby is laid to Haifa and Tripoli on the coast of Palestine. Also, there is a shorter pipe-line from the Persian oil wells to the Persian gulf. The next stage must be the cultivation of the land, obviously by vast irrigation works; to make the district one of the great grainaries of the world, owing to its amazing fertility—when irrigated!

The Beginning

ON Dec. 4th, 1939, only six weeks ago as I am writing this article, the contract for the construction of the necessary works to control the flood waters of the Euphrates was formally signed! This full report is taken from *The Observer* (London) of Sunday, Dec. 31st, 1939. It is far too interesting and important to be curtailed, so I quote it in full with its headlines.

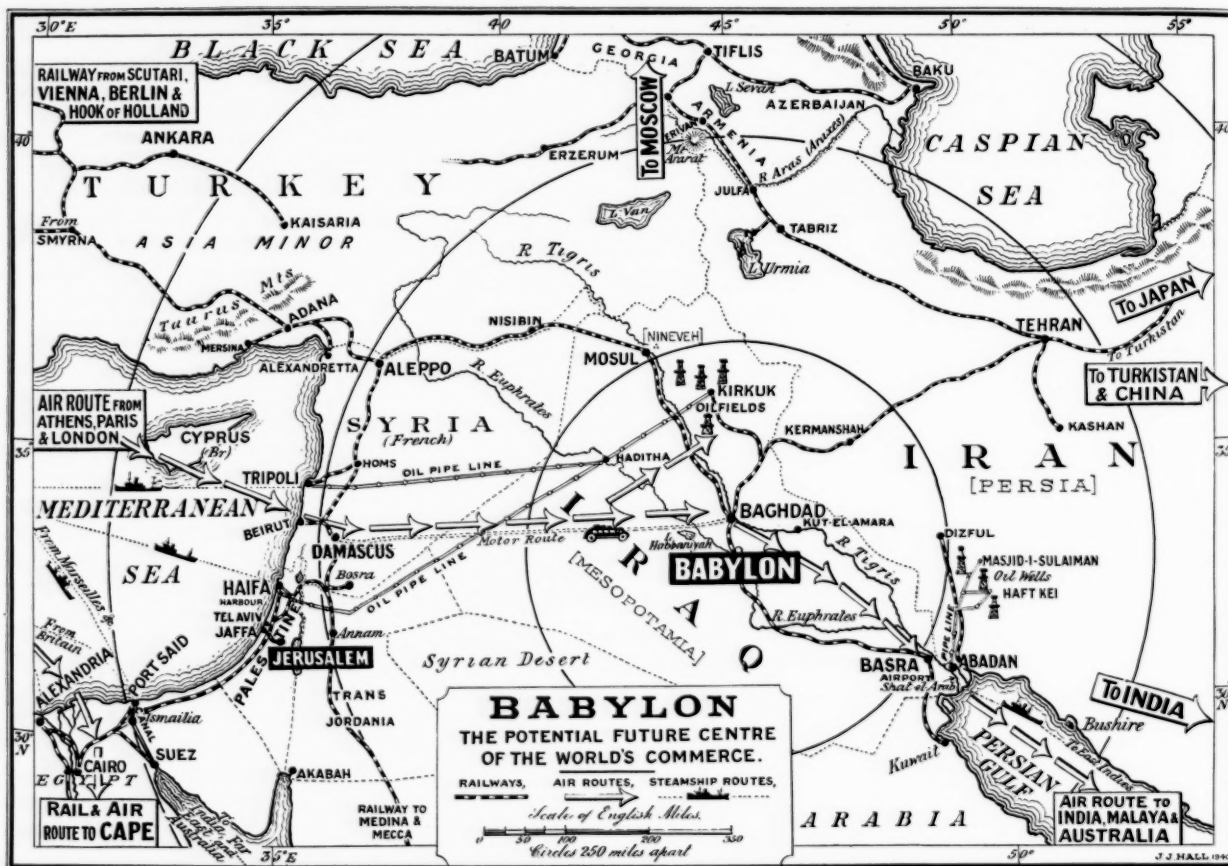
THE "GREAT RIVER" OF GENESIS

BIG ENGINEERING SCHEME

IRAQ'S CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN

During the next few years British engineers in Iraq will be performing a valuable and complex task in the Biblical lands by the Euphrates—fourth of the rivers of Eden.

They are to construct the so-called Hab-



SPECIALLY DRAWN FOR "DESTINY" BY J.J. HALL, (GT. YARMOUTH B-I ASSOCIATION) ENG'D

baniyah escape for the protection of farmers and peasants between the Euphrates and Tigris, who have suffered severely in the past when floods have burst the Euphrates' banks.

This "great river" of Genesis, with its brazen-sounding name, is the longest in Western Asia. It rises in the Armenian highland, and flows down along a wandering path of 1,750 miles to the Persian Gulf.

Babylon the towers stood upon its banks. Ten miles to the west of its present course, in a waste of desert, are the mounds of Ur of the Chaldees. At Larsa reigned King Arioch, who fought in the Battle of Kings, and was afterwards defeated by Abraham.

WHEN FLOODS POUR DOWN

The new works are near Ramadi. At certain times of the year—notably about March when the snow melts in spring on the Turkish hills—floods pour down the Euphrates, the banks burst near Lake Habbaniyah, and water sweeps across the plain, washing away mud huts, destroying crops, and cutting the road from Damascus to Baghdad.

The Habbaniyah escape has been devised to prevent this periodical disaster. Two British firms are responsible—Messrs. Coode, Wilson, Mitchell and Vaughan-Lee are the consulting engineers who drew up the plans, and Messrs. Balfour, Beatty and Co. the contractors carrying out the work.

The consulting engineers, explaining the scheme to a representative of The Observer, said that an inlet channel is to be made between the Euphrates and the extensive Lake Habbaniyah. When floods come down in force, the opening of a regulator

will allow water to pass from the river into the lake, and so relieve the pressure in the Euphrates.

If the lake gets too full, and can hold no more river water, the regulator of a new outlet channel at the far end of Habbaniyah will be opened and the level of the lake lowered. Surplus water then flows away down the outlet channel, as through the waste-pipe of a bath, and runs across low-lying, swampy land to a depression in the desert where it evaporates. Meantime, the lake can take more flood-water from the Euphrates.

PLAN TO TAKE FOUR YEARS

Later, it may be possible to make another channel back to the river from the lake and impound the flood-water for irrigation purposes during the summer months. The present scheme, however, is likely to take four years: it will be necessary in the course of it to shift as much as 7,600,000 cubic metres of soil. The great stone-built regulator of the inlet channel will have twelve openings and gates, and its counterpart on the outlet channel four fewer.

Excavating machines do a great deal but approximately 2,000 men will be employed. Habbaniyah, incidentally, is an important air centre, both military and civil, and the work is being undertaken in the vicinity of the R.A.F. station there.

The entire scheme is to cost about £885,000. Thus, on December 4, when the contract was signed formally by M. Jalal-Balan, Minister of Communications and Works, and representatives of the contractors, the Government of Iraq showed effectively its confidence in Britain, in British engineering, and in the outcome of the German war.

Many buildings will be required to house the staffs and workmen engaged in these projects. On January 26th, 1940, the following appeared in *The Yorkshire Evening Post*:

CONTRACT FROM IRAQ SHEFFIELD FIRM TO CONSTRUCT CEMENT WORKS

A group of Iraq industrialists have signed a contract with a Sheffield firm for the construction of a big cement factory on the bank of the Tigris near Baghdad (says a Reuter message).

This will be Iraq's first cement works. The raw materials are obtainable within easy distance.—Reuter.

The contract, which is worth about £70,000, has been placed with Edgar Allen and Co., Ltd., of Sheffield, and is to be completed as early as possible.

It is for the supply of machinery for a complete cement-making works, which will have an output of about 250 tons daily, and includes crushers, grinders, and rotary kilns. This machinery will be made in Sheffield at the firm's works.

Quietly Planned and Commenced

THUS, almost un-noticed, is the scheme launched which will transform the land which was the birthplace of Abraham, and which has played so dominating a part in Old Testament history. The British firms mentioned will be responsible for the beginning of the predicted exploitation of the Euphrates Valley.

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Will the Allies Win the War?

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been stated many times that so much prophecy has now become history that it is essential to definitely consider unfulfilled prophecies as pre-written history. In this consideration we find that Israel as a Company of Nations and a Great People is the principal and only participant mentioned to survive all battles and tribulations in which mankind will become involved.

Hope for ultimate victory is being expressed with great confidence by Allied leaders because of their superior strength in wealth of material resources, their great Armies, Navies and Air Forces, together with possession of fortifications in strategic places throughout the world, but it can be said with reasonable assurance that these will not be sufficient to win the *desired* victory. Death dealing weapons and instruments of destruction are being produced on both sides in such quantities that it is becoming apparent to many that the end of such a conflict must be chaos; peace being impossible. When the Allies as such reach the extremity of human endurance, the time will likely have arrived when light that is now breaking through upon many of the Anglo-Saxon Peo-

ples in all lands will burst into the effulgence of noon-day sun, illuminating their vision so that their identity as God's Chosen Israel people will be apparent to them as well as all others throughout the world.

The answer to the question must be: The Allies, *as at present constituted*, will not win the war!

Without wishing to be dogmatic it seems as if Anglo-Saxondom's battle lines will again be redrawn as ISRAEL, augmented by those who are part of Israel but have been with her enemies, also true Israelites wherever located, thus making the setting for the battle of the great Day of God Almighty. Israel in humility will then seek the assistance promised by God through Ezekiel: "Thus saith the Lord God, I will yet for this be enquired of by the House of Israel to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock", and the words of Zechariah will come to pass: "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those Nations, as when He fought in the day of battle."

VICTORY FOR ISRAEL AND RIGHT-
EOUSNESS WILL THEN ENSUE!

The above, dated April 28th, was written by a reader of DESTINY. His conclusions reflect an understanding that is largely based on information received through this publication. His answer as to the outcome of the war is presented here both for its own value and because it is evidence of the importance of the information which, of all publications, only DESTINY provides!

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∞ A Timely Answer to

Today's Most Frequent Question:

Will the Allies Win the War?

BEFORE venturing a direct answer to this important question it may be interesting to define who the participants are in this war, also to establish a line of cleavage between them.

On one side is a group of free and independent nations with democratic forms of government and among whom the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic Peoples predominate. To a large degree these nations respect and acknowledge the religion of Jesus Christ and their avowed purpose is to maintain their God-given right to freedom and worship, also to preserve smaller nations from aggression imposed by powerful groups not having such aims. These are called "The Allies".

Opposed is the totalitarian Dictatorship of Adolph Hitler over Germany and the German people. He openly flaunts the rights of other Nations and disavows the religion of Jesus Christ. Associated with Hitler to a greater or lesser extent are the Dictatorships of Stalin and Mussolini. Jointly or severally the stated aims of these despots include World Revolution in all Nations against established governments, subservience of individual life to the whims of autocratic power, the establishment of their laws through fiat and the abolishment of religion and worship of God. This group is usually called The Totalitarian powers!

Opposing forces may be further described as:

God-fearing nations vs. Godless Nations

Righteousness vs. Injustice and Aggression

Law and Liberty vs. Anarchy and Lawlessness

Freedom vs. Bondage

The conflict which is now in its early stages is spreading so fast that recently a prominent

newspaper owner and Statesman ventured the opinion that within a short space of time at least every nation in Europe would be involved. Many think and speak of this conflict as purely an European War, but this is far from being an accurate statement. In all recorded history there has never been a war that so potentially reaches into every remote corner of the earth, affecting the life and future of all mankind to such an extent that it is difficult to understand how any person or Nation can be neutral in sentiment or feeling; although for personal safety, business or strategic reasons they may outwardly appear as such.

The U. S. A. is an example of this, for by Act of Congress we call our country neutral, but if preponderance of sympathy were taken as a gauge we are far from neutral. Through our financial cooperation in the purchase of gold (which we do not need) which is of questionable intrinsic value we have made a real contribution to allied finances; also through the manufacture and sale of munitions and supplies, which procedure the public must approve or it would be stopped. In fact it is often stated that the U. S. A. is making more of a contribution as a professional neutral than would be the case of an Allied participant.

In making an estimate of the relative strength of the opposing forces as now existing in material resources and man power, the Allies likely have a substantial advantage over their present enemies, but when the battle lines are redrawn as seems imminent and professional neutrality is put aside this appraisal may be reversed. Intelligent consideration of the question propounded can only be possible in the light of Biblical prophecy and history. It has

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